

Remarks

The above amendment to the Specification merely explicitly sets forth pertinent excerpts from the text of the Firoozabady application Serial No. 07/076,339 at the point it was referenced in the subject application. Tables 14-19 and Figure 4, also from Firoozabady '339, are inserted as appropriate after Tables 1-13 and Figure 3, respectively. Accordingly, no new matter is presented by this amendment. New claims 24-46 are presented and claims 20-23 are cancelled. New claim 24 is identical to what was pending at one time as claim 54 in related application serial number 08/461,240. In the '240 application, Examiner Fox indicated in his Office Action dated February 10, 2003, that claim 54 was only rejected for obviousness-type double-patenting over then-co-pending application serial nos. 08/122,322; 08/122,352; and 08/487,495; and for no other reason. Of these applications, the '352 and '495 applications have issued as U.S. Patent nos. 6,573,437 and 6,660,914 respectively. The '322 application has been abandoned. Accordingly, a terminal disclaimer over the 6,573,437 and 6,660,914 Patents is filed herewith to address that issue, and claim 54 of the co-pending '240 application has been canceled. Upon entry of this amendment claims 24-46 will be before the Examiner.

In view of the above amendments Applicants respectfully request that the suspension of prosecution of this application be lifted. In addition, Applicants are currently preparing a Petition to Correct Inventorship which has been necessitated by this amendment, and which will be filed as soon as all necessary documents have been executed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account 19-0065 any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this amendment, or if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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Attachment: Terminal Disclaimer; Figure 4